

Coal River (Stage 1) & South East Stage 2 Irrigation Districts

Charge rates: 2023-24



In-season annual charges for water entitlements

	2022-23 (\$/ML)	2023-24 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Fixed charges* - Coal River (Stage 1)				
Operation & maintenance charge	\$ 124.54	\$ 123.78	\$ (0.76)	-0.6%
Asset renewal levy	\$ 10.55	\$ 14.33	\$ 3.78	35.8%
Storage charge**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Total	\$ 135.09	\$ 138.11	\$ 3.02	2.2%
Fixed charges* - South East Stage 2				
Operation & maintenance charge	\$ 124.54	\$ 123.78	\$ (0.76)	-0.6%
Asset renewal levy	\$ 10.55	\$ 14.33	\$ 3.78	35.8%
Storage charge**	\$ 5.98	\$ 6.19	\$ 0.21	3.5%
South East TasWater Connection Charges***	\$ 16.16	\$ 16.47	\$ 0.31	1.9%
South East Interim Project Finance Costs	\$ 84.96	\$ 120.63	\$ 35.67	42.0%
Grand Total	\$ 242.19	\$ 281.40	\$ 39.21	16.2%
Variable charges****				
Coal River (Stage 1)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
South East Stage 2	\$ 236.70	\$ 244.98	\$ 8.28	3.5%

* Fixed charges: payable on current entitlement holdings on the opening day of the irrigation season. A minimum charge equivalent to 5 ML will apply.

** Storage charges: a fixed charge to replenish storage losses in the scheme, such as evaporation.

*** Additional charges for the use of the TasWater Granton infrastructure

**** Variable charge: payable on water that is supplied to you during the irrigation season.

Excess water charges - for unauthorised use of additional volume

Excess Water Charges*	2023-24 (\$/ML)
Coal River (Stage 1)	\$ 200.00
South East Stage 2	\$ 500.00

* Excess water charges: payable for each additional megalitre (or part of a megalitre) of water taken, in addition to your authorised volume under your water entitlement, during the irrigation season. These rates have been set within the By-Laws for your scheme.

Surplus Water Charges

Surplus Water Charges*	2022-23 (\$/ML)	2023-24 (\$/ML)	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Coal River (Stage 1)	\$ 11.90	\$ 12.72	\$ 0.82	6.86%
South East Stage 2	\$ 96.94	\$ 130.46	\$ 33.52	34.6%

* Surplus water charges are payable on water ordered by irrigation right holders during a period that has been notified by Tasmanian Irrigation as a surplus water period. There must be a water order confirmed by the scheme operator in order for this rate to apply.

Interest for late payments

In accordance with the by-laws for the district, Tasmanian Irrigation may issue interest charges when payment is not received within the standard terms of each invoice (30 days). This will be charged at the rate two per cent (2%) per annum above the 3 month Australian Bank Bill Swap Bid Rate (BBSY). **You will be unable to trade your water entitlements if your account is in arrears.**

Tasmanian Irrigation understands that on some occasions our customers may experience times of financial hardship due to circumstances outside of their control. As such, you may choose to apply for a payment plan under our Financial Hardship Policy.

Other charges

Permanent transfer application fee	\$	77.00	Including GST	
Limited term transfer application fee	\$	77.00	Including GST	
Short term transfer application fee	\$	-	Including GST	
Registration, transfer, variation, or discharge of security interest	\$	77.00	Including GST	
Copy of water entitlement extract	\$	33.00	Including GST	

Further information:

Water charges are levied by Tasmanian Irrigation to recover the costs of operating, maintaining and administering irrigation districts.

In all irrigation districts, a **Fixed Charge** is levied on the volume of your irrigation right holdings on the first day of the irrigation season and is payable regardless of whether water has been consumed.

The Fixed Charge can have up to three components:

- > **Operation & Maintenance** charge recovers the costs for running the scheme which don't normally change materially with the volume of water supplied during a season. This includes costs relating to employment of scheme operators, motor vehicle costs, maintenance, telemetry, compliance, administration, finance and insurance.
- > **Asset Renewal Levy** makes provision for major asset repairs and replacements required to ensure the continuing operation of the district.
- > **Storage Charge** (some districts): recovers costs of pumping any evaporation or seepage losses into the main water storage.

Most irrigation districts also include a **Variable Charge** which is levied on the volume of water ordered or consumed by each irrigator, to recover electricity costs for pumping and water purchase costs incurred by Tasmanian Irrigation. The variable charge is based on the cost to deliver water to the various charge zones. Variable Charges are invoiced following the end of the irrigation season or delivery period.

Excess Water Charges can be avoided entirely by ensuring you have sufficient allocation:

- > Monitor your usage (contact your Scheme Operator if you require assistance).
- > Contact us if you have any questions about your allocation, trading or usage.
- > Trade any required additional allocation. We are unable to accept retrospective trades.

To assist buyers and sellers of water entitlements with establishing trading connections, Tasmanian Irrigation provides a free **Water Trading Notice Board** on our website. This allows parties to advertise their interest in buying, selling or leasing water entitlements. You can access the Notice Board via Tasmanian Irrigation's website: www.tasirrigation.com.au.

All annual water charges are retained within the separate irrigation schemes to be used for the benefit of the irrigators.

If you have any questions, please contact our office on 03 6398 8433 or enquiries@tasirrigation.com.au.